

AGENDA ITEM X A

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

LUMCON REVIEW

STAFF SUMMARY

During October 5-7, 2000, a team of external reviewers met on the campus of the Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium in Cocodrie to assess the current operations and administration of LUMCON. This review team was composed of:

Dr. Don Wright (Chair), Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences, College of William and Mary;
Dr. Herbert Windom, Skidaway Institute of Marine Sciences, University System of Georgia;
Dr. Peter Betzer, Department of Oceanography, University of South Florida; and
Dr. Wayne Gardner, University of Texas-Port Aransas.

Upon conclusion of their on-site visit, the review committee met with the LUMCON Executive Council and briefed them on the progress of their deliberations. The committee expects to complete its evaluation by the end of October and a final report will be forthcoming shortly thereafter. Once this report is received, the staff will forward it to all affected parties for a timely response. The staff hopes to conclude this review process sometime in early 2001.

AGENDA ITEM X B

REPORT OF THE ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

REVIEW OF PROPOSED MASTER OF ENGINEERING PROGRAM AT SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY-BATON ROUGE

STAFF SUMMARY

The staff has completed preparations for a review of the proposed Master of Engineering program at Southern University-Baton Rouge. This program is provided for SUBR by the Desegregation Settlement Agreement.

With the concurrence of the University, three external consultants have been engaged to perform the program assessment, as follows:

Dr. Fred Mannering (Chair), Head, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering,
University of Washington

Dr. Mohammad Chouika, Head, Department of Electrical Engineering, Howard University

Dr. Advan Akay, Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Carnegie Mellon University

The review committee will conduct an on-site visit to the campus on November 19, 2000; the next day will be devoted to committee deliberations and composition of the final report. Immediately upon receipt of the committee's report, the staff will forward it to SUBR for a timely response. The staff hopes to bring this review to a conclusion in early 2001.